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**Sonja Faye Bivins**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: February 22, 1963  
Education: Spring Hill 1985 BS; Alabama 1988 JD  
Began Service: February 2, 2004  
Term Expires: February 2, 2012

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Court Staff**

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**William S. Shulman**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Alabama 1975 JD  
Began Service: 1996  
Term Expires: February 9, 2010

**Legal Practice:** Feibelman, Shulman and Terry, Attorneys at Law (1976-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Mobile Bar Association

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**Margaret A. Mahoney**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Col St Catherine 1971 BA; Minnesota 1974 JD  
Began Service: December 13, 1993  
Term Expires: December 12, 2021

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota (1984-1987); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (1987-1989); Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Alabama (1996-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (1989-1993)

**Nonprofit:** Editor, The American Bankruptcy Law Journal (1998-2002)

**Staff**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**John W. Sedwick**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Dartmouth 1968 BA; Harvard 1972 JD  
Began Service: October 15, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Director, Natural Resources Division, State of Alaska (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1972-1981); Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1983-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air National Guard (1969-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**

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**Ralph R. Beistline**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Alaska 1972 BA; U Puget Sound 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 2002  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge The Honorable Taylor, Superior Court of Alaska (1974-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of Alaska (1992-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1975-1978); Partner, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1979-1992)

**Staff**

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**Timothy Mark Burgess**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Alaska 1978 BA, 1982 MBA; Northeastern 1987 JD  
Began Service: January 2006  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1989-2001); U.S. Attorney, District of Alaska, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2001-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1987-1989)

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**James M. Fitzgerald**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
Education: Willamette 1950 BA, 1951 LLB  
Began Service: March 3, 1975  
Appointed By: President Gerald Ford  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1952-1956); City Attorney, State of Alaska (1956-1959); Legal Counselor, Governor William Allen Egan (R-AK), Office of the Governor, State of Alaska (1959); Commissioner of Public Safety, State of Alaska (1959)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court, Third District (1959-1972); Associate Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (1972-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1940-1941); United States Marine Corps (1942-1946)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association

**Chambers of Senior Judge James A. von der Heydt**

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**James A. von der Heydt**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1919  
Education: Albion 1942 BA; Northwestern 1951 JD  
Began Service: 1966  
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson

**Corporate:** Western Union (1937-1938); Western Union (1942-1943); Weldon Construction Co. (1943-1944); Sommers Construction Co. (1944-1945); Gaasland Construction Co. (1951)

**Government:** Deputy United States Marshal, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1945-1948); United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1951-1953)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court (1959-1966)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1953-1959)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association

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